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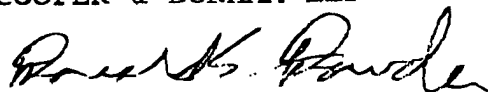
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In accordance with our telephone conversation on June 6, 1996, we are submitting an abstract of the disclosure herewith, as it appears in applicants' file. We are also submitting herewith an information disclosure statement, including a completed form PTO-1449. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, the reference itself, which is lengthy, is being submitted separately, with the confirmation copy.

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR 1.97(e) and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit information thought to be relevant to the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

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No Office Action has yet been received in this application.

This information came to light during the examination of a counterpart Australian application in an Office Action dated May 1, 1996, and it is hereby certified that this information is being submitted within three months of that date.

Australian patent publication AU-B-19639/92 discloses teleconference terminal equipment for exchanging pictures and speech with an opposite communicating terminal equipment through a communication circuit. The equipment comprises a communication control for transmitting and receiving communication frames through a digital communication channel. Each communication frame is capable of containing video data, audio data, user data and control data. A multiplex/demultiplex device is provided for multiplexing and demultiplexing the video data, audio data, user data and control data of each communication frame to be transmitted by the communication control and the communication frame received by the same, respectively. A picture codec decodes a picture signal from the video data demultiplexed from within the communication frame by the multiplex/demultiplex device and then delivers the picture signal as an output. It also codes an input picture signal to-be-coded into the video data and then transfers the video data to the multiplex/demultiplex device. A camera supplies the picture codec with a picked-up picture signal as the picture signal to-

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be-coded. A display unit displays a picture indicated by the picture signal decoded by the picture codec. An audio codec decodes a speech signal from the audio data demultiplexed from within the communication frame by the multiplex/demultiplex device and then delivers the speech signal as an output. It codes an input speech signal to-be-coded into the audio data and then transfers the audio data to the multiplex/demultiplex device. A microphone supplies the audio codec with a picked-up speech signal as the audio signal to-be-coded. A loudspeaker emits speech based on the speech signal decoded by the audio codec. A video input/output interface supplies the picture codec with an external input picture signal as the picture signal to-be-coded and delivers the picture signal decoded by the picture codec, as an external output. A camera control interface produces a camera control signal for controlling an operation of an external camera connected outside the teleconference terminal equipment, and a control unit controls the produced camera control signal of the camera control interface on the basis of the control data demultiplexed from within the communication frame by the multiplex/demultiplex device.

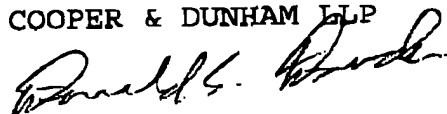
In contrast, the present invention is characterized by the features recited in the amended claims and is distinguished from the Australian patent publication at least by the failure of the latter to disclose those combinations. In the absence of more pertinent prior art, the application is in condition for

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allowance.

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